



LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 4th JULY 2017.

PRESENT

Councillor J. Caruana, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)

Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman

Councillors J. Atkinson, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors D.K. Crowther and C.E. Jones JP.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

64. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

65. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES

a) Community parking issues – Bell's Corner and junction of King Street/Bryn Clyd – Query was raised as to whether it would be feasible to install either fencing or railings on the stretch of pavement in front of the Cenotaph on Bell's Corner. It was reported that double yellow lines on Bell's Corner was being looked into by Flintshire County Council. Observation made that four cars had been seen parked on Bell's Corner at one time. It was agreed that this was very dangerous, in particular when vehicles were travelling on the highway in both directions.

b) Footpath to the rear of numbers 24 to 42 Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – a request had been made to the Footpath Officer at Flintshire County Council to re-open the section of footpath that was currently obstructed.

66. POLICE LIAISON

Apologies were received from PCSO Andrea Ellis who was unable to attend the meeting this evening. A report of recent incidences had been forwarded.

Incident update – Leeswood

There were no reports of anti-social behaviour or crime in Leeswood in the period 13th June to 2nd July 2017.

Incident update – Pontblyddyn

A theft of a vehicle from the A541 near Pontblyddyn had been reported.

PCSO Ellis advised that she was awaiting the return of the laser speed gun. Once it had been returned she would be conducting speed checks in the problem areas. Traffic division had been requested to consider Leeswood for monitoring when available. PCSO Ellis would be attending the Leeswood Carnival and had attended meetings with the Carnival Committee regarding routes.

67. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS DUE TO VACANT SEATS FOLLOWING THE ELECTION

The Clerk reported that the standard process to fill the vacancies must now be followed. This would entail advertising the notice for ten electors of the Leeswood ward to request an election. If no election was requested then the co-option procedure would be undertaken.

Should the three vacancies not be filled after this then the process would be started over again.

68. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk advised that there had been no further information from Mrs Sian Jones of the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council. A message had been left with the Secretary of Mrs Nesta Davies, Llewelyn Jones Solicitors to find out the current position and the Clerk was waiting for a return call. All Councillors agreed that this matter needed to be brought to a conclusion.

69. CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes informed that he was still waiting to meet with Mr Aled Davies, the Cemetery sub-contractor. The Clerk advised that she was hoping to arrange a meeting with Mr Davies over the next couple of weeks. Comment was made that the Cemetery was very tidy and looked well. It was agreed that Mr Davies and his team were doing a good job.

The Clerk reported that she had still not received an invoice for the work on the Cemetery gates.

70. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received.

71. PLANNING DECISIONS

Application reference number 056601 – 7 no dwellings.

Ivy Cottage, Queen Street, Leeswood, CH7 4RQ.

It was reported that this planning application had been passed at Flintshire County Council Planning Committee level. A site visit had been made. The development would bring some financial benefit to the community through a Section 106 agreement and this money would be going to Castell Alun High School and the Ffordd Siarl playing area.

72. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

A meeting of the representatives of community organisations had been held with a view to forming a Steering Group on Thursday 29th June 2017. It had not been particularly well attended with a small but useful turnout. Draft questions for a questionnaire to be circulated through the Community had been compiled on the evening. Observation was made that there had been very short notice about this meeting. The Clerk explained that she and the previous Age Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator had planned to circulate the invitations to the meeting on the 8th June 2017, but Ms Rogers had resigned the post. This had resulted in the invitations eventually being sent to the Clerk with a very short window of time to get them out.

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that the new Project Co-Ordinator, Ms Shereen Devine would be assuming her role on 24th July 2017.

The NDTi meeting was to go ahead on Thursday 20th July 2017.

73. RISK ASSESSMENT 2017/2018

Councillors had been circulated with a copy of the Risk Assessment for 2017/2018. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that this be adopted. All Councillors were in agreement.

74. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Councillor R. Hughes advised that through a combined effort of local County Councillors, it was hoped that a twice weekly bus service from the communities of Leeswood, Treuddyn, Llanfynydd and Nercwys to Broughton and Chester would be established. The days of the proposed service had yet to be decided, but it was unlikely that it would be on a Wednesday or Saturday as this would clash with the market in Mold.

75. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Members had been circulated with correspondence from David Quick, Operational Support Manager, Hanson Heidelberg Cement in relation to the planned upgrade to the cement milling facilities at Padeswood. The letter advised that the web page linked to the Padeswood Community website where all of the statutory pre-application documentation can be viewed and downloaded is now live.

76. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that there was not much to report. Progress

was being made but it was slow, John Gray of FLVC had helped produce draft articles for what would be the trading company which would run the bar. The next step would be for the Trustees to meet to appoint Directors to the trading company.

77. CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

A number of Councillors and the Clerk had attended the workshop with Jo Danson on Tuesday 20th June 2017. The plan is for approximately eight iBeacons to be sited in Leeswood and two in Pontblyddyn. Users would download an app and access to this would be via Bluetooth.

Content on the app would be both audio and visual and the intention was to link it to the Community Council website. The next meeting with Jo Danson was to take place on Tuesday 12th September 2017.

78. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – OPEN SPACE LAND WITHIN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN A CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTING OF A DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) IN FLINTSHIRE

Copy correspondence had been received from Mr Bob Pitts of Dingle Road, Leeswood who had forwarded a letter to Flintshire County Council about this matter.

Councillors agreed to accept this copy correspondence.

79. COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE

E-mail correspondence received from the Community Health Council advising of a Press Release. On 28th June, the Welsh Government published a White Paper that proposed the most radical change to the patient's voice in the NHS in over 40 years. The proposals would introduce for the first time a body with a remit across health and social care. This would see the end of long standing arrangements set up to place power in the hands of local people to monitor how their NHS services are working.

The Chair of North Wales CHC said stated that while CHCs welcome the intention to create a stronger citizen voice in health and social care, but are yet to be convinced that the proposals outlined do not dilute rather than strengthen this voice in some important areas.

Comment was made that the Betsi Cadwaladr NHS Trust is in 'Special Measures' and medical staff are reluctant to work for what is a failing Trust. The Trust is too big.

80. JOINT MEETING WITH FLINTSHIRE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Amanda Haslam, PA to Chief Officers, (Governance) and (Planning & Environment), Flintshire County Council, advising that the guest speaker at the next joint meeting with Flintshire Standards Committee and Town/Community Councils to take place on

Monday 2nd October 2017 is Mr Nick Bennett, the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. This was accepted.

81. ONE VOICE WALES – NEXT NORTH WALES AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Councillors had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Luned Evans, North Wales Development Officer, One Voice Wales advising that the next meeting of the One Voice Wales Wales Area Committee will be at Gwersyllt Resource Centre on 21st September 2017. This was accepted.

82. COUNTY FORUM MEETING

Received from Sam Perry, Corporate Business and Communications Support Officer, Flintshire County Council, e-mail correspondence advising that the County Forum meeting scheduled for Wednesday 28th June 2017 had been cancelled. The arrangements for the next meeting will be made in due course. This was accepted.

83. VILLAGE PLAN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Members had been circulated with the Statutory Guidance for the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 SPSF4, Collective Role Community Councils, also with copies of the Mold Town Council draft annual report and the Gwernymynydd Community Council Community Development Plan. The Clerk advised that it was suggested at some point in the future an audit requirement would be to produce an annual report. This would be in connection with the Well Being Act. Councillors expressed interest in preparing a Community Development Plan and it was agreed that a meeting be arranged separate to the monthly Community Council meeting to discuss this.

84. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

None other than those already discussed during the meeting.

85. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

None other than those already discussed during the meeting.

86. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

87. FUTURE MEETINGS

A finance committee meeting is to be held on Tuesday 18th July 2017 and the meeting to discuss producing a Village Plan on Tuesday 15th August 2017.

88. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| <u>Payee</u> | <u>Detail</u> | <u>Net</u> | <u>VAT</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Miss M Reynolds | Salary/Expenses – June 2017 | £567.89 | £0.00 | £567.89 |
| Miss M Reynolds | Stationery/Postage/Printing | £116.40 | £0.00 | £116.40 |
| Flintshire County Council | Street lighting inspection and maintenance April 2017 | £81.63 | £0.00 | £81.63 |
| Leeswood Community Centre | Part payment of grant 2017/2018 | £1,500.00 | £0.00 | £1,500.00 |
| Society Local Council Clerks | Clerk Membership July 2017 to June 2018 | £118.00 | £0.00 | £118.00 |
| SLCC Enterprises Ltd | Local Council Administration 10 th Edition Cemetery Management and Administration for Local Council Clerks Charity Treasurer's Handbook | £115.56 £9.00 | £0.00 £1.80 | £115.56 £10.80 |
| HMRC | PAYE/NI Quarter 1 2017/2018 | £369.60 | £0.00 | £369.60 |
| | Totals | £2,878.08 | £1.80 | £2,879.88 |

89. INCOME RECEIVED

No income had been received.

90. BANK BALANCES

At present, there is £66,451.89 in the deposit account and £3,105.03 in the current account. These figures are from the statement to 29th May 2017.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm.